



## Senate

General Assembly

*January Session, 2001*

***File No. 315***

Senate Bill No. 1028

*Senate, April 17, 2001*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HOUSING AND  
SUPPORT SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
AND ADDICTION SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
- 2 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services may, within
- 3 available appropriations, enter into a lease or other rental agreement
- 4 for an apartment, home or similar private residence on behalf of and
- 5 for occupancy by a person receiving services from the Department of
- 6 Mental Health and Addiction Services if the commissioner determines
- 7 that such person is unable to lease or rent such apartment, home or
- 8 similar private residence on such person's own behalf. Any such lease
- 9 or rental agreement shall not exceed the fair market price for the area
- 10 in which such apartment, home or similar private residence is located.

***PH***      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

This bill will allow the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to directly rent an apartment on behalf of a department client when that client is unable to rent on their own behalf. This does not constitute an expansion of services as DMHAS currently pays a fiduciary agent to perform this service. Therefore, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

SB 1028

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF HOUSING AND  
SUPPORT SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to sign a lease or other rental agreement for private housing on behalf of one of its clients. DMHAS must first determine that the client is unable to rent the residence on his own. The rent or lease agreement cannot exceed the fair market price for the area in which the residence is located.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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